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SUBJ: IDB/TREASURY/CONGRESSIONAL DEL VISIT TO CALI MAY 22-24

DEPT PASS TREAS FOR EMERSON DAVIS JR

1. INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL CALI IS BEST AND GCLY ONE WITH ADEQUATE FACILITIES FOR THIS GROUP, OPERATES AT NEAR 100 PERCENT CAPACITY YEAR CLUND. SO FAR IT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN MORE THAN 19 SINGLES. CONSULATE STILL ATTEMPTING OBTAIN MORE SINGLES BUT IF SUCH PROVES IMPOSSIBLE WILL FILL GAP WITH ADDITIONAL DOUBLES. HOTEL MGT ALSO INDICATES IT IMPOSSIBLE DETERMINE PRECISE ROOM NUMBERS UNTIL MAY 22. ALL EFFORTS BEING MADE HOWEVER TO ARRANGE ROOMS IN SINGLE BLOCK.

2. PRE-REGISTRATION AGREED UPON. FOR THIS, POST WILL NEED PPT NUMBERS OF DELS AT EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.

3. CIAT FACILITIES LOCATED BRIEF TEN MINUTES DRIVE FROM CALI AIRPORT. POST SUGGESTS IT MOST CONVENIENT FOR DEL TO PROCEED DIRECTLY BY BUS FROM AIRPORT TO CIAT, WHERE ARRIVAL WILL COINCIDE WITH 1100 BRIEFING

ON CIATS RICE PROJECT. FOLLOWING THIS BRIEFING, LUNCHEON IS SCHEDULED AT 1200, FOLLOWED AT 1300 BY BRIEFING ON CIAT PROGRAMS BY CIAT DIR GEN AND TOUR OF FACILITIES. GROUP

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SHOULD DEPART CIAT BY 1500. AS ALTERNATE, TRANSFER IN BUS FROM

AIRPORT TO HOTEL UPD RETURN TO CIAT WOULD TAKE APPROX ONE HOUR TRAVEL TIME.

4. CIAT LUNCHEON WILL BE SERVED IN VIP DINING AREA AND WILL BE ATTENDED BY ABOUT 20 PARTICIPANTS IN CIAT PRESENTATION DAYS, 15 CIATOLSTAFF MEMBERS, AND MEMBERS OF CODEL.

5. CARLOS RODRIGUEZ, VICE PRES OF CORPORACION FINANCIERA DEL VALLE, SUGGESTS A VISIT TO WORLD BANK FINANCED PLANT EXPANSION PROJECT AT CARTON DE COLOH IA/PULPAPEL IN YUMBO, ABOUT 20 MINUTES DRIVE FROM CIAT, TO BE FOLLOWED BY HALF-HOUR BRIEFING FOR GROUP AT CALI OFFICES OF CFV, ABOUT HALF HOUR FROM PROJECT. ESTIMATE GROUP WOULD BE BACK AT HOTEL BY 1800, POSSIBLY EARLIER. COLOMBIAN IDB REP WILL BE IN CALI MAY 14 AND EVALUATE THIS POSSIBLE VISIT. WE WILL SEND HIS VIEWS FRIDAY AT LATEST.

6. VISITS TO ANCHICAYA DAM AND BUENAVENTURA INVOLVE TRAVEL OVER TWO SEPARATE ROADS. ROAD TO DAM IS UNPAVED AND REQUIRES FOUR HOURS TOTAL TRAVEL TIME FROM CALI-DAM AND DAM-BUENAVENTURA. DIRECT ROAD FROM CALI-BUENAVENTURA (WHICH DOES NOT GO TO DAM) IS NEWLY COMPLETED, PAVED, AND REQUIRES TWO HOURS TRAVEL TIME. THUS, VISIT TO BOTH SITES INVOLVES MINIMUM 6 HOURS TRAVEL TIME, TWO HOURS AT BUENAVENTURA, TWO TO TWO AND A HALF HOURS AT DAM, FOR TOTAL TRIP TIME OF TEN AND ONE HALF HOURS. IF GROUP LEAVES CALI 0800, RETURN BEFORE 1830 UNLIKELY. CVC ADVISES THEY BELIEVE IT BETKR FOR GROUP TO VISIT DAM SITE FIRST, WITH LUNCH THERE AT 1200, TO GET TRAVEL ON UNPAVED ROAD OUT OF THE WAY AT BEGINNING OF DAY. HOWEVER, BUENAVENTURA VISIT CAN ZUIBRRANGED FIRST IF DESIRED, WITH LUNCH AT APPROX 1330 AT DAM, FOLLOWED BY DAM TOUR AND BRIEFING. POST CONCURS WITH CVC SUGGESTION FOR DAM SITE VISIT FIRST.

7. RECEPTION PLANNED ESPECIALLY FOR CODEL. INVITED WOULD BE LOCAL GOVERNMENT, CHKSCH, EDUCATION, AND CIVIL LEADERS. POST WILL FUND RECEPTION IF TREASURY FUNDS NOT AVAILABLE.

8. POST HAS ARRANGED FOR RENTAL OF 12 CARS WITH DRIVERS. HOWEVER, SINCE BUS HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR AIRPORT TRANSFERS AND VISITS TO ALL SITES ON ITINERARY, WOULD APPRECIATE ADVICE WHETHER NECESSARY TO KEEP RESERVATIONS FOR ALL 12 CARS.
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